

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please delete the section titled "FIELD OF INVENTION" beginning on page 1, line 4 and add a new section titled "GOVERNMENTAL SUPPORT" in its place as follows:

**FIELD OF INVENTION GOVERNMENTAL SUPPORT**

~~Embodiments of this invention related to methods for amplifying circular nucleic acids using a DNA helicase and two sequence-specific primers. This work is partly supported by NIH grant number 1R43GM073402-01.~~

Please insert the following section on page 1, line 10 preceding the section titled, "**BACKGROUND**":

**CROSS REFERENCE**

This application is a § 371 application of international application number PCT/US05 filed on 23 March 2005, which claims priority from U.S. provisional application number 60/556,297 filed on 25 March 2004, herein incorporated by reference.

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